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Calling the Bay Area Home: Tackling the Housing Affordability and Displacement Challenge

Special forum on housing

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHAT: Special forum sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to discuss the role that Bay Area local governments and regional agencies — as well as the state and federal governments — can play in addressing skyrocketing housing costs and displacement of long-time residents.

Public registration is at capacity; reporters should register in advance at PlanBayArea.org.

WHERE: Oakland Marriott City Center, East Hall, 1001 Broadway, Oakland

(at 12th St. City Center BART Station and AC Transit transfer location)

WHO: --Libby Schaaf, Oakland Mayor and MTC Commissioner

-- David Campos, MTC Commissioner and San Francisco Supervisor

- --Dave Cortese, MTC Chair, ABAG Exec. Board member and Santa Clara Co. Supervisor
- --Julie Pierce, ABAG President, MTC Commissioner and Clayton City Councilmember
- --Fred Blackwell, CEO, The San Francisco Foundation
- -- Claudia Cappio, Oakland Assistant City Administrator
- --Robert Feldstein, Seattle Mayor's Office
- -- Carol Galante, Faculty Director, Terner Center for Housing Innovation, U.C. Berkeley
- --Bob Glover, Executive Officer, Building Industry Association
- -- Reyna Gonzalez, Faith in Action (San Mateo)
- --Melissa Jones, North Bay Organizing Project (Forestville)
- -- Jennifer Martinez, Executive Director, Faith in Action Bay Area
- -- Theola Polk, East Bay Housing Organizations (Oakland)
- -- Nela Richardson, Chief Economist at Redfin

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